

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1 and replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1.

As requested by the Examiner, Figure 1 (one) has been designated as Prior Art.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet one (1) page

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13, and 15-22 are pending for further examination. Claims 1-7, 9-13, 16-18 and 21-22 are currently amended. Claims 2 and 14 are canceled.

Drawings

As required by the Examiner, FIG. 1 has been labeled with the legend "Prior Art."

Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 2-12, 14 and 16 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 13 to incorporate the features of now canceled claims 2 and 14, respectively. At least for this reason, claims 1 and 13 should be allowed.

Claims 3-12 depend from claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the same reason as claim 1.

Claims 15-22 depend from claim 13 and should be allowable for at least the same reason as claim 13.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

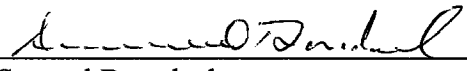
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